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*In the specification:*

Please amend the two full paragraphs appearing on page 30, lines 4 to 23 as indicated on the following page.

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Fig. 8 shows still another equivalent to the present invention in a diagrammatic illustration including a power unit such as the hydraulic cylinder 220, fluid lines 222 and 224, and pistons 226 and 228 slidably mounted within the cylinder 220. The belt ends 230 and 232 are mounted to the pistons 226 and 228. Upon actuation of an actuator, hydraulic fluid is forced into the hydraulic cylinder 220, forcing the pistons 226 and 228 toward one another longitudinally, thereby exerting a force on the belt ends 230 and 232. The actuation of the actuator 234 is accomplished by a downwardly directed force which exerts a similar force to a patient's chest lying directly beneath the hydraulic cylinder 220.

The actuator 234 could be attached to a power supply 236 such as a central piston which compresses a fluid within a hydraulic cylinder. Upon actuation of actuator 234, the hydraulic fluid within the cylinder is compressed and is conveyed through the lines 222 and 234 and the pistons 226 and 228 are driven inwardly as described above. This embodiment is also equivalent to the preferred embodiment.